

## Comment Summary Report grouped by Route

Friday, April 10, 2015

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1007	21005	undesigned	H	R	N
	21030	undesigned	H	R	N
	21035	undesigned	H	R	N
	21091	undesigned	H	R	N
	21303	undesigned	H	R	N
	21329	undesigned	H	R	N

### Commenter

Landon Monholland

### Organization

N/A

### Submission Code

emc0922

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

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emc0912

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Soren Jespersen	The Wilderness Society	emc0917

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<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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V1041	19712	undesigned	R	R	C
	19713	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.

Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.



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<b>V1061</b>	20544	undesigned	C	R	O
	20870	undesigned	C	C	C
	20914	undesigned	O	A	O
	20917	undesigned	C	R	O
	20919	undesigned	C	R	O
	20921	undesigned	O	A	O
	20927	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

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I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

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<b>V1067</b>	21317	undesigned	H	R	N
<b>Commenter</b> Soren Jespersen	<b>Organization</b> The Wilderness Society		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0917		

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly 'Closed' Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a 'Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized)' Travel Area Designation.

Route Specific Travel Designations:

We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions:

- V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for 'Foot & Horse' travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information.

O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trail's historic relevance.

□ V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for 'Foot, Horse and Bike'. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for 'Horse and Foot' as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

<b>Commenter</b> Kris Cox	<b>Organization</b> COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0788
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

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Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107,



V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

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Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

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Scott Winans	N/A	emc0868
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b>		
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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693
<b>Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)</b>		
Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.		

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Mountain bike users have been maintaining and using this trail for at least 2 decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.

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Janice Shepherd	The Quiet Trails Group	emc0835
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.		

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Landon Monholland	N/A	emc0922
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Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without



mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

#### Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### Zone V

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	19479	undesigned	O	A	O
	19549	undesigned	O	A	O
	19581	undesigned	O	A	O
	19598	undesigned	O	A	O
	19889	undesigned	O	A	O
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	20098	undesigned	O	A	O
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	20192	undesigned	O	A	O
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	20247	undesigned	O	A	O
	20342	undesigned	O	A	O
	20383	undesigned	O	A	O
	20491	undesigned	O	A	O
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	21375	undesigned	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> cfc0074
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	14394	undesigned	O	C	O
	14400	undesigned	O	C	O
	14403	undesigned	O	C	O
	14406	undesigned	O	C	O
	14407	undesigned	O	C	O
	14409	undesigned	O	C	O
	14411	undesigned	O	C	O
	14573	undesigned	O	C	O
	14576	undesigned	O	C	O
	14578	undesigned	N	C	O
	14636	undesigned	O	C	O
	14637	undesigned	O	C	O
	14650	undesigned	O	C	O
	14657	undesigned	O	O	O
	14702	undesigned	O	O	O
	14726	undesigned	O	O	O
	14748	undesigned	O	C	O
	14753	undesigned	O	O	O
	14760	undesigned	O	O	O
	14774	undesigned	O	C	O
	14775	undesigned	O	C	O
	14777	undesigned	O	C	O
	14780	undesigned	N	C	O
	14782	undesigned	N	C	O

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408, ) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050,



V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

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V112	18388	undesigned	A	R	O
	20318	undesigned	A	R	O
	20327	undesigned	A	R	O
	20333	undesigned	A	R	O



**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0667

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<b>V113</b>	18392	undesigned	A	R	O
	18589	undesigned	A	R	O
	19626	undesigned	O	O	O
	19676	undesigned	A	R	O
	19792	undesigned	A	R	O
	20156	undesigned	O	O	O
	20271	undesigned	A	R	O
	20308	undesigned	A	R	O
	20483	undesigned	A	R	O
	20676	undesigned	A	R	O
	20688	undesigned	A	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1151	20555	undesigned	R	R	R
	20556	undesigned	R	R	R
	21082	undesigned	R	R	R
	21083	undesigned	R	R	R
	21328	undesigned	R	R	R

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

<b>Commenter</b> Landon Monholland	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0922
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands.

I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811.

I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.



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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

**Zone U**

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.



## Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
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- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
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- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding





for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.

- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

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**Commenter**

Brandon Siegfried

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

cfc0074



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.  
Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1152	21349	undesigned	R	R	C
	21400	undesigned	R	R	C

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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

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	20694	undesigned	A	R	O
	20729	undesigned	C	R	O
	20744	undesigned	C	R	O
	20774	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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	15388	undesigned	O	C	O
	15411	undesigned	O	C	O
	15420	undesigned	O	C	O
	15433	undesigned	O	C	O
	15440	undesigned	O	C	O
	15445	undesigned	O	C	O
	15451	undesigned	O	C	O
	15460	undesigned	O	C	O
	15462	undesigned	O	C	O
	15472	undesigned	O	C	O
	15486	undesigned	O	C	O
	15555	undesigned	O	C	O
	15718	undesigned	O	C	O
	15733	undesigned	O	C	O
	15741	undesigned	O	C	O
	15750	undesigned	O	C	O
	15757	undesigned	O	C	O
	15759	undesigned	O	C	O
	15767	undesigned	O	C	O
	15773	undesigned	O	C	O
	15780	undesigned	O	C	O
	15781	undesigned	O	C	O

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.





Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

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**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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**Route****Segment****ALT A****ALT B****ALT C****ALT D****V1198**

14582

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undesigned

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14587

undesigned

O

R

O

14591

undesigned

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14595

undesigned

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Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

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emc0668

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V1207	14639	undesigned	N	C	O
	14655	undesigned	N	C	O

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<b>V121</b>	20471	undesigned	A	C	O
	20481	undesigned	A	C	O
	20495	undesigned	A	C	O
	20516	undesigned	A	C	O

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V126	20505	undesigned	C	C	O
	20674	undesigned	O	A	O
	20678	undesigned	C	R	O

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V127	20707	undesigned	O	A	O
	20713	undesigned	A	R	O





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<b>V1270</b>	17143	undesigned	R	R	C

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0731

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
 Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459

Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River



Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 ½ Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.

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## Route V128

### Segment

### ALT A

### ALT B

### ALT C

### ALT D

20652

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20672

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20690

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<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475  Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa  Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.		

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V130	20504	undesignated	O	A	O
<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek					
<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club					
<b>Submission Code</b> emc0667					
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475  Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa  Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.					
<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek					
<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club					
<b>Submission Code</b> emc0667					
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475  Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa  Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.  Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.  Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband’s ATV in my UTV.  Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.  Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don’t go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and					



redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1321	17785	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408, ) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.





Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V138</b>	19615	undesigned	O	O	O
	19715	undesigned	O	O	O
	20168	undesigned	O	O	O
	20172	undesigned	O	O	O
	20180	undesigned	O	O	O
	20259	undesigned	O	O	O
	20280	undesigned	O	O	O
	20464	undesigned	O	O	O
	20467	undesigned	O	O	O
	20494	undesigned	O	O	O
	20614	undesigned	O	O	O
	20617	undesigned	O	O	O
	20618	undesigned	O	O	O
	20634	undesigned	O	O	O
	20641	undesigned	O	O	O
	20642	undesigned	O	O	O
	20656	undesigned	O	O	O
	20679	undesigned	O	O	O
	20686	undesigned	O	O	O
	20811	undesigned	O	O	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:

- The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail basically begins and ends at the 4' x 8' yellow Uranium Warning sign along the 11.5 Mesa County road near the Arrowhead Camp and airstrip. From there it follows the 11.5 County road to a midlevel bench of lower Calamity Mesa overlooking the Blue Creek Ranch property. From there it goes north around a lower elevation of the west side of Calamity Mesa to the north side and then climbs back up to the warning sign to the east.
- This roughly 20-mile loop is an "unequaled gem of wealth" to the 4x4 community. Primitive Roads/Trails of this length and level of difficulty (Class 6+ or 7) are extremely unique and difficult to find in the entire U.S.
- In November of 2008, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club first traveled the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail with extreme difficulty. The route had been closed to all motorized travel for several years (possibly up to 15-years) by numerous events of Mother Nature.
- In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
- Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
- Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.
- The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).
- The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.



2. Experience(s) to be expected:

- a. Many scenic vistas along this road/trail can literally be overwhelming.
- i. The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just beyond.
- ii. Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.
- b. The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.
- c. The Calamity Mesa Loop is a very primitive road/trail - so primitive, we have named 12- obstacles. These obstacles are very close to "extreme" in difficulty and require great driver skills and a vehicle with better than stock capability. Everyone who has been over this road has come away with a sore face from smiling all day.
- d. There are numerous spur roads to old mine sites along the loop that are full of historical and cultural values.
- e. Many of the spur roads also provide further opportunities for challenging driving as the roadways are full of obstacles.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to consider changing the 2013 RMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA.

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989		
Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):		
The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.		
Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.		
Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.		
Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.		
Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Calamity Mesa Loop 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)		



**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Water shed routes densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☐ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change



Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

#### Area V:

These road/trail segments have significant historical values. Many have mining relics and cabins left over from the Uranium/Vanadium mining period.

Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

They could be used for primitive day-use or camping, exploration of historical sites, and photographic opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

For those without vehicles capable of negotiating some of the primitive roads, the opportunity to hike, horseback, or mountain bike is still available and would make for some excellent experiences for "quiet users".

BLM access to mine adits to monitor bats and the bat doors also makes them useful.

☐ V428, V427, V426, V423, (go to old mining dump truck and Equipment near New Verde Mine)

☐ V420, V421; (goes to a Uranium Mine site)

☐ V143, (Provides a loop through several mine sites)

☐ V184, (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Creek)

☐ V567, V768, V566, V564 (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Cr and a mine site)

☐ V562, V563,

☐ V138, (goes out to a great vista point not far from Juanita Arch)

☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part

is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this

a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

#### Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to seriously consider changing the 2013 RMP/TMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation





of SRMA. We would ask the BLM to also give serious consideration to adding the above road segments to the SRMA along with the Calamity Mesa Loop Road.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1400	16358	undesigned	N	C	O
	16364	undesigned	N	C	O
	17292	undesigned	N	C	O
	17298	undesigned	N	C	O
	17798	undesigned	N	C	O
	17809	undesigned	N	C	O
	18040	undesigned	N	C	O
	18083	undesigned	N	C	O
	18088	undesigned	N	C	O
	18112	undesigned	N	C	O
	18135	undesigned	N	C	O
	18136	undesigned	N	C	O
	18151	undesigned	N	C	O
	18172	undesigned	N	C	O
	18173	undesigned	N	C	O
	18186	undesigned	N	C	O
	18188	undesigned	N	C	O
	18195	undesigned	N	C	O
	18196	undesigned	N	C	O
	18305	undesigned	N	C	O
	18335	undesigned	N	C	O
	18347	undesigned	N	C	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408, ) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
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Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1406	21363	undesigned	A	M	A
	21397	undesigned	A	M	A

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<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1407	21301	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1421	20445	undesigned	A	N	O
	21360	undesigned	A	N	O
	21380	undesigned	A	N	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Landon Monholland	N/A	emc0922

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands.

I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite.

Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811.

I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

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Kris Cox	COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	emc0788
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b>		
Zone V		
<p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.</p> <p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.</p> <p>Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.</p> <p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.</p> <p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.</p> <p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the “all downhill” return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.</p> <p>Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.</p> <p>Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.</p>		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Scott Winans	N/A	emc0868
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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
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- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.



- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
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- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
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- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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Landon Monholland	N/A	emc0922

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V1426	21420	undesigned	R	R	C
	21427	undesigned	R	R	C
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Thomas Hundtroft		Bookcliff Rattlers		emc0693	

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V143	19611	undesigned	O	R	O
	19625	undesigned	O	R	O
	19635	undesigned	O	R	O
	19716	undesigned	O	R	O
	19720	undesigned	O	R	O
	20215	undesigned	O	R	O
	20216	undesigned	O	R	O
	20236	undesigned	O	R	O
	20238	undesigned	O	R	O
	20243	undesigned	O	R	O
	20261	undesigned	O	R	O
	20290	undesigned	O	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Jerry Smith		N/A		emc0773	



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V:

These road/trail segments have significant historical values. Many have mining relics and cabins left over from the Uranium/Vanadium mining period.

Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

They could be used for primitive day-use or camping, exploration of historical sites, and photographic opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

For those without vehicles capable of negotiating some of the primitive roads, the opportunity to hike, horseback, or mountain bike is still available and would make for some excellent experiences for "quiet users".

BLM access to mine adits to monitor bats and the bat doors also makes them useful.

☐ V428, V427, V426, V423, (go to old mining dump truck and Equipment near New Verde Mine)

☐ V420, V421; (goes to a Uranium Mine site)

☐ V143, (Provides a loop through several mine sites)

☐ V184, (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Creek)

☐ V567, V768, V566, V564 (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Cr and a mine site)

☐ V562, V563,

☐ V138, (goes out to a great vista point not far from Juanita Arch)

☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to seriously consider changing the 2013 RMP/TMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA. We would ask the BLM to also give serious consideration to adding the above road segments to the SRMA along with the Calamity Mesa Loop Road.

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**Route**

**V1457**

**Segment**

21445

21448

21457

**ALT A**

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**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

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<b>V1459</b>	21417	undesigned	A	C	O
	21421	undesigned	A	C	O
	21706	undesigned	A	C	O
	21839	undesigned	A	C	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0731

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459

Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 ½ Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V1470</b>	21532	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21534	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21552	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21553	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21638	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21679	undesigned	O1	C	O
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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0728

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470)

Trail Name: Blue Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):  
The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):  
This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. It's a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
Keep these roads open to all motorized users.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V1471</b>	21487	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21488	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21490	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21497	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21498	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21500	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21506	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21509	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21517	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21540	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21647	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21711	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21721	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21744	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21765	undesigned	O1	O1	O

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1476	21541	undesignated	R	R	C
Commenter Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A		Submission Code cfc0074	
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel)) I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.					

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V1477	21529	undesignated	R	R	O
	21533	undesignated	R	R	O
	21550	undesignated	R	R	O
	21649	undesignated	O1	R	O
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V157	17834	undesignated	C	C	C
	18652	undesignated	R	R	C
	18836	undesignated	R	R	C
	18837	undesignated	R	R	C





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V166	17818	undesigned	O	O	O
	17820	undesigned	O	O	O
	18264	undesigned	O	O	O
	18272	undesigned	O	O	O
	18275	undesigned	O	O	O
	18276	undesigned	O	O	O
	18277	undesigned	O	O	O
	18296	undesigned	O	O	O
	18315	undesigned	O	O	O
	18355	undesigned	O	O	O
	18459	undesigned	O	O	O
	18460	undesigned	O	O	O
	18501	undesigned	O	O	O
	18510	undesigned	O	O	O
	18512	undesigned	O	O	O

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V1695	16359	undesigned	N	C	O
	17693	undesigned	N	C	O
	17724	undesigned	N	C	O
	17891	undesigned	N	C	O
	17922	undesigned	N	C	O
	17979	undesigned	N	C	O
	18072	undesigned	N	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1751	21659	undesigned	R	R	C

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V1752	21730	undesigned	R	R	A

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V1760	21502	undesigned	R	R	O
	21508	undesigned	R	R	O

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## Route V1762

Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
21499	undesigned	R	R	C
21528	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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## Route V1763

Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
21545	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V1764</b>	21510	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21539	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21643	undesigned	O1	C	O

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<b>V1765</b>	21511	undesigned	R	R	C
	21524	undesigned	R	R	C
	21536	undesigned	R	R	C
	21543	undesigned	R	R	C
	21652	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V1774</b>	20645	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0668
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping



to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A chance to get away from it all, a feeling of remoteness, and an opportunity to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): V47 & V1774 offer the opportunity to explore the south end of the mesa. This road also leads to a hiking trail to Juanita Arch. Being able to drive this road offers a shorter hike to the arch where you aren't forced to cross the river. I would like to see these roads remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see the spur roads remain open to all vehicles as well. These spurs offer the traveler a route to get closer to the edge of the mesa and take in the views.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V1779	14769	undesignated	R	R	C

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V1797	21663	undesignated	R	R	C
	21664	undesignated	R	R	C
	21666	undesignated	R	R	C
	21673	undesignated	R	R	C

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V1805	21697	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21699	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21701	undesigned	O1	C	O

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V1815	21720	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21733	undesigned	O1	C	O

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V183	18372	undesigned	A	C	A
	19035	undesigned	A	C	A
	19292	undesigned	A	C	A
	19363	undesigned	A	C	A
	19378	undesigned	A	C	A
	19436	undesigned	A	C	A
	19466	undesigned	A	C	A

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<b>V184</b>	18744	undesigned	R	R	C
	18760	undesigned	R	R	C
	18775	undesigned	R	R	C
	19619	undesigned	C	C	C
	19624	undesigned	C	C	C
	20126	undesigned	C	C	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V:

These road/trail segments have significant historical values. Many have mining relics and cabins left over from the Uranium/Vanadium mining period.

Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

They could be used for primitive day-use or camping, exploration of historical sites, and photographic opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

For those without vehicles capable of negotiating some of the primitive roads, the opportunity to hike, horseback, or mountain bike is still available and would make for some excellent experiences for "quiet users".

BLM access to mine adits to monitor bats and the bat doors also makes them useful.

☐ V428, V427, V426, V423, (go to old mining dump truck and Equipment near New Verde Mine)

☐ V420, V421; (goes to a Uranium Mine site)

☐ V143, (Provides a loop through several mine sites)

☐ V184, (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Creek)

☐ V567, V768, V566, V564 (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Cr and a mine site)

☐ V562, V563,

☐ V138, (goes out to a great vista point not far from Juanita Arch)

☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to seriously consider changing the 2013 RMP/TMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA. We would ask the BLM to also give serious consideration to adding the above road segments to the SRMA along with the Calamity Mesa Loop Road.





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V1849	14638	undesigned	N	C	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	
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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa					
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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.					
Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.					
Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.					
Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.					

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V1881	13060	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter	Organization		Submission Code		
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668		
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))					
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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
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V1885	17884	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter	Organization		Submission Code		
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668		

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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V1932	14361	undesignated	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))					
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V1939	14240	undesignated	N	H	M
<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans		<b>Organization</b> N/A		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868	
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b> Zone V 1) Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bike users have been maintaining and using this trail for at least 2 decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. This remote route is a great adventure and long distance when combined with other routes on the plateau. Protect this access!					
<b>Commenter</b> Jason Bertolacci		<b>Organization</b> International Mountain Bicycling Association		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0912	
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b> Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon’s resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join					



the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

#### Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid





ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

- Recommend non--motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience.
- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Soren Jespersen	The Wilderness Society	emc0917

**Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)**

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly 'Closed' Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a 'Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized)' Travel Area Designation.

Route Specific Travel Designations:

We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions:

- V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for 'Foot & Horse' travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information.

O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trail's historic relevance.

□ V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for 'Foot, Horse and Bike'. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for 'Horse and Foot' as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Kris Cox	COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

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V1945	15148	undesigned	R	R	C
	15818	undesigned	R	R	C
	15834	undesigned	R	R	C
	15996	undesigned	R	R	C
	16062	undesigned	R	R	C

**Commenter**  
Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**  
Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**  
emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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V2010	15549	undesigned	C	R	O
	15699	undesigned	C	R	O

**Commenter**  
Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**  
Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**  
emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V2013	15727	undesignated	R	R	C
Commenter	Organization		Submission Code		
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers		emc0693		
<b>Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)</b>					
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V2086	17913	undesignated	O	R	O
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club			emc0668
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))					
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V21	14147	undesigned	O	O	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Roz McClellan		Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative		emc0846	

**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V  
Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures  
Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.





The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Watershed route densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☐ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas. The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

#### Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

#### Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change

Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.



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<b>V2100</b>	15161	undesigned	R	R	C
	16127	undesigned	R	R	C
	16130	undesigned	R	R	C
	16285	undesigned	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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<b>V2127</b>	13984	undesigned	R	R	C
	14905	undesigned	R	R	C
	14906	undesigned	R	R	C
	15399	undesigned	C	R	O
	15463	undesigned	C	R	O
	15473	undesigned	C	R	O
	15493	undesigned	R	R	C
	15509	undesigned	R	R	C
	15519	undesigned	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0668
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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## Route

**V2145**

### Segment

15528

15559

### ALT A

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### ALT B

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<b>V2146</b>	15542	undesignated	C	R	O
	15548	undesignated	C	R	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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<b>V2155</b>	15139	undesignated	C	R	O
	15425	undesignated	C	R	O
	15700	undesignated	C	R	O
	15705	undesignated	C	R	O
	15708	undesignated	C	R	O

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V2170	20450	undesigned	R	R	C
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		<b>Organization</b> N/A		<b>Submission Code</b> cfc0074	
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.					
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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0731
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459		
Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads		
Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway		
Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views.		
Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 ½ Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer.		
Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective.		
Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.		

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V2173	21838	undesigned	R	R	C
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Brandon Siegfried		N/A		cfc0074	
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))					
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V2183	21735	undesigned	N	C	A
	21746	undesigned	O1	C	O

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<b>V2186</b>	21775	undesigned	R	R	C
	21776	undesigned	R	R	C
	21815	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V2190</b>	21837	undesigned	C	R	O
	21842	undesigned	C	R	O
	21865	undesigned	C	R	O

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<b>V2194</b>	18427	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V2214</b>	16987	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0668
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2216</b>	17689	<b>undesignated</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>		<b>Submission Code</b>		
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668		

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V232	16396	undesignated	A	R	O
	16844	undesignated	A	R	O
	16918	undesignated	A	R	O
	17289	undesignated	A	R	O
	17488	undesignated	A	R	O
	17592	undesignated	C	R	O
	18020	undesignated	A	R	O
	18078	undesignated	A	R	O

**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

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V2328	15437	undesignated	O	C	O
	15829	undesignated	O	C	O
	16459	undesignated	O	C	O
	17107	undesignated	O	C	O

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2369	19499	undesigned	C	R	O
	19501	undesigned	C	R	O
	19504	undesigned	C	R	O
	19547	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0668
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2385	19606	undesignated	C	C	C
	19610	undesignated	C	C	C

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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V2400	20184	undesignated	C	C	O
	20194	undesignated	C	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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V2429	13536	undesigned	C	R	O
	13943	undesigned	C	R	O
	14649	undesigned	C	R	O
	14763	undesigned	C	R	O
	14804	undesigned	C	R	O
	14846	undesigned	C	R	O

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V2442	17908	undesigned	O	C	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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(V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2446	16994	undesigned	C	R	O

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<b>V2447</b>	17879	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2455</b>	18018	undesigned	O	C	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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## Route V2505

Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
15127	undesigned	C	R	O
15470	undesigned	C	R	O
15520	undesigned	C	R	O
15540	undesigned	C	R	O

### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

### Submission Code

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V2562	16748	undesigned	O	R	O
	16922	undesigned	O	R	O
	17059	undesigned	O	R	O
	17137	undesigned	O	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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V2626	11359	undesigned	O	C	O
	15141	undesigned	O	C	O
	15152	undesigned	O	C	O
	15184	undesigned	O	C	O
	15405	undesigned	O	C	O
	15498	undesigned	O	C	O
	15502	undesigned	O	C	O
	15536	undesigned	O	C	O
	15565	undesigned	O	C	O
	15608	undesigned	O	C	O
	15637	undesigned	O	C	O
	15643	undesigned	O	C	O
	15769	undesigned	O	C	O
	15922	undesigned	O	C	O
	15956	undesigned	O	C	O
	15958	undesigned	O	C	O
	15959	undesigned	O	C	O
	15968	undesigned	O	C	O
	15969	undesigned	O	C	O
	15975	undesigned	O	C	O
	16064	undesigned	O	C	O
	16077	undesigned	O	C	O
	16107	undesigned	O	C	O
	16118	undesigned	O	C	O
	16152	undesigned	O	C	O
	16179	undesigned	O	C	O
	16277	undesigned	O	C	O
	16282	undesigned	O	C	O
	16312	undesigned	O	C	O
	16423	undesigned	O	C	O
	16697	undesigned	O	C	O
	16700	undesigned	O	C	O
	16701	undesigned	O	C	O
	16710	undesigned	O	C	O
	16743	undesigned	O	C	O
	16747	undesigned	O	C	O
	16771	undesigned	O	C	O
	16774	undesigned	O	C	O
	16777	undesigned	O	C	O
	16778	undesigned	O	C	O
	16882	undesigned	O	C	O
	16910	undesigned	O	C	O
	17051	undesigned	O	C	O
	17108	undesigned	O	C	O
	17478	undesigned	O	C	O



<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b> Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.		
<b>Commenter</b> Landon Monholland	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0922
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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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**Commenter**

Jason Bertolacci

**Organization**

International Mountain Bicycling Association

**Submission Code**

emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

**Zone U**

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

**Zone V**

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
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- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.





- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.
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- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

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<b>V2635</b>	16379	undesigned	C	R	O
	16811	undesigned	C	R	O
	16939	undesigned	C	R	O
	17507	undesigned	C	R	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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V2657	14956	undesigned	O	C	O
	15896	undesigned	O	C	O
	15993	undesigned	O	C	O
	16013	undesigned	O	C	O
	16019	undesigned	O	C	O

<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame.

The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting

season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and

implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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V2660	12868	undesigned	O	C	O
	14954	undesigned	N	C	O
	15178	undesigned	O	C	O
	16237	undesigned	N	C	O
	16239	undesigned	N	C	O
	16246	undesigned	N	C	O
	16247	undesigned	N	C	O
	16264	undesigned	O	C	O
	16461	undesigned	O	C	O
	16488	undesigned	O	C	O
	16504	undesigned	O	C	O
	16559	undesigned	O	C	O
	16567	undesigned	O	C	O
	16583	undesigned	O	C	O
	16616	undesigned	O	C	O
	16717	undesigned	O	C	O
	16828	undesigned	O	C	O
	16947	undesigned	O	C	O
	17111	undesigned	O	C	O
	17114	undesigned	O	C	O

<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.





Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2680	15583	undesignated	C	C	C
	15662	undesignated	C	C	C
	15664	undesignated	R	R	C
	15667	undesignated	C	C	C
	15674	undesignated	C	C	C
	15675	undesignated	C	C	C
	15677	undesignated	C	C	C
	15682	undesignated	C	C	C
	16149	undesignated	C	C	C
	16386	undesignated	O	C	O
	16398	undesignated	O	R	O
	16662	undesignated	O	R	O
	16735	undesignated	C	C	C
	16739	undesignated	O	R	O
	16829	undesignated	O	C	O
	16834	undesignated	O	R	O
	16836	undesignated	R	R	C
	16838	undesignated	O	C	O
	16934	undesignated	O	C	O
	16936	undesignated	R	R	C
	16941	undesignated	O	C	O
	16951	undesignated	O	C	O
	17018	undesignated	O	C	O
	17019	undesignated	R	R	C
	17075	undesignated	O	C	O
	17083	undesignated	O	R	O
	17085	undesignated	C	R	O
	17086	undesignated	O	C	O
	17089	undesignated	O	C	O
	17093	undesignated	O	R	O
	17094	undesignated	O	C	O
	17097	undesignated	O	C	O
	17103	undesignated	O	C	O
	17105	undesignated	O	C	O
	17109	undesignated	O	R	O
	17119	undesignated	O	C	O
	17138	undesignated	O	R	O
	17181	undesignated	O	R	O

#### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

#### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

#### Submission Code

emc0668

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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V2690	14362	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2691	13039	undesigned	N	H	M

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**Commenter**

Jan Potterveld

**Organization**

Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

**Submission Code**

emc0634

**Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)**

Describe the area and your historical use/knowledge of the area.

This area from County Road 6.3 south along Highway 141 and up to the rim on the Uncompahgre Plateau has very limited access and is used infrequently except along the Dolores corridor. It contains the remote and beautiful Juanita Arch, the historic and only practical horse and stock trail, dinosaur tracks, beautiful and rare flora and fauna. I have hiked up Maverick Canyon and enjoyed the beautiful view. In short it has all the qualities looked for in Lands with Wilderness Characteristics.

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Why is the area important from your perspective?

Much of the land along Hwy 141 is privately owned making access difficult but affording opportunities for solitude. I hiked up Maverick Canyon towards Juanita Arch and this is no walk in the park. The trail is primitive and over a jumble of rock, but the views are terrific and the opportunities for discovery are great, such as the dinosaur tracks. The old Pickett Trail is steep and twisting, the historic access route to the top for mining interests, supplies in and ore out. This should be preserved as a hiking and horseback/stock trail.

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How would you like to see this area managed by BLM and why?

I would like to see this area managed as a Lands with Wilderness Characteristics to preserve these values for future generations in much the same condition as we find them now. The lands above the rim do not offer the same experience as they have been extensively invaded by mining interests in the past. Bring your wading shoes or canoe to cross the Dolores or park your rig across from 6.3 road and ride your horse up the old Pickett Trail. As an overlapping designation I would also like to see the Juanita Arch area managed as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Additional Comments: Generally the route management under Alternative B seems to be appropriate with the exception of Route V2691 which should be left to its historic use, hiking and horse/stock use. Management of Zone V on top of the Mesa seems appropriate under Alternative B. The BLM should spend some effort with the NFS and users groups coordinating the connecting trail along the interface on top of the Uncompahgre in order to similarly classify and manage some of the existing loops. Perhaps the GVTA could facilitate this.

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**Commenter**

Jason Bertolacci

**Organization**

International Mountain Bicycling Association

**Submission Code**

emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewmup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without



mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

#### Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience.
- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open





to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W

- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Soren Jespersen	The Wilderness Society	emc0917

**Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)**

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly 'Closed' Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a 'Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized)' Travel Area Designation.

Route Specific Travel Designations:

We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions:

- V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for 'Foot & Horse' travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information.

O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trail's historic relevance.

□ V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for 'Foot, Horse and Bike'. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for 'Horse and Foot' as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Kris Cox	COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

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Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by the trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominately motorized area.



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<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**  
Zone V

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2692</b>	14238	undesignated	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> cfc0074
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2701</b>	18382	undesignated	C	R	O
	19818	undesignated	C	R	O
	19858	undesignated	C	R	O
	19904	undesignated	C	R	O
	19911	undesignated	C	R	O
	19935	undesignated	C	R	O
	19948	undesignated	C	R	O
	20086	undesignated	C	R	O
	20185	undesignated	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0668
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.



Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A chance to get away from it all, a feeling of remoteness, and an opportunity to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V47 & V1774 offer the opportunity to explore the south end of the mesa. This road also leads to a hiking trail to Juanita Arch. Being able to drive this road offers a shorter hike to the arch where you aren't forced to cross the river. I would like to see these roads remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see the spur roads remain open to all vehicles as well. These spurs offer the traveler a route to get closer to the edge of the mesa and take in the views.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2718	17272	undesignated	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V272</b>	19454	undesigned	C	R	O
	19509	undesigned	C	R	O
	19657	undesigned	C	R	O
	19674	undesigned	C	R	O
	19692	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2720</b>	16757	undesigned	O	C	O
	16895	undesigned	O	C	O
	16905	undesigned	O	C	O
	16909	undesigned	O	C	O
	16942	undesigned	O	C	O
	17009	undesigned	O	C	O
	17121	undesigned	O	C	O
	17184	undesigned	O	C	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408, ) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon.





V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V278	20035	undesignated	R	R	C
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Thomas Hundtroft		Bookcliff Rattlers		emc0693	

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2806	21812	undesignated	R	R	C
	21813	undesignated	R	R	C
	21814	undesignated	R	R	C
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Brandon Siegfried		N/A		cfc0074	

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.

Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.



**Comment Recommendation:** **O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
 Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459

Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
 This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
 I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 ½ Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
 These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2808	21772	undesignated	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> cfc0074
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**Comment Recommendation:** **O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V2810	21444	undesigned	A	C	O
	21464	undesigned	A	C	O
	21495	undesigned	A	C	O
	21651	undesigned	A	C	O
	21747	undesigned	A	C	O
	21750	undesigned	A	C	O
	21752	undesigned	A	C	O
	21799	undesigned	A	C	O
	21807	undesigned	A	C	O
	21811	undesigned	A	C	O
	21833	undesigned	A	C	O
	21887	undesigned	A	C	O
	21888	undesigned	A	C	O
	21889	undesigned	A	C	O

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area on of my favorites.

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: B (Mechanized Only)**

Also allowing use of V2820 and un-inventoried route (previously submitted) following the mid level of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of hike-a-bike which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.

<b>Commenter</b> Landon Monholland	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0922
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands.

I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite.

Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811.

I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good



loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Landon Monholland	N/A	emc0922
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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b>		
Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to		





mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

#### Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
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- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
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- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0731

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459

Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

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Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: E (Foot/Mechanized)**

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V2811</b>	21653	undesigned	R	R	C
	21654	undesigned	R	R	C
	21655	undesigned	R	R	C
	21656	undesigned	R	R	C
	21657	undesigned	R	R	C
	21658	undesigned	R	R	C
	21678	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

#### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

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- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on



Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

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**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: M (Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle)**

The closures seem random, and without any attention to the selection criteria. For just one example, V2811





makes no loop because it is a dead end, with no connectors left open.

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<b>Commenter</b> Landon Monholland	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0922
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459



Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

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V2816	21756	undesigned	R	R	C
	21760	undesigned	R	R	C
	21761	undesigned	R	R	C
	21762	undesigned	R	R	C
	21766	undesigned	R	R	C
	21767	undesigned	R	R	C

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	21840	undesigned	R	R	C
	21841	undesigned	R	R	C
	21843	undesigned	R	R	C
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Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

**Zone U**

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**Zone V**

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0731

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**Route**

**V2823**

**Segment**

21496

**ALT A**

undesignated

**ALT B**

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**ALT C**

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**ALT D**

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**Commenter**

Brandon Siegfried

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

cfc0074

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V2848	14924	undesigned	O	C	O
	15434	undesigned	O	C	O
	15468	undesigned	O	C	O
	15511	undesigned	O	C	O
	15585	undesigned	O	C	O
	15592	undesigned	O	C	O
	15764	undesigned	O	C	O
	15809	undesigned	O	C	O
	15810	undesigned	O	C	O
	15830	undesigned	O	C	O
	15849	undesigned	O	C	O
	15856	undesigned	O	C	O
	15859	undesigned	O	C	O
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**Commenter**  
Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**  
Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**  
emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V290	19243	undesigned	R	R	C

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**Organization**  
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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A chance to get away from it all, a feeling of remoteness, and an opportunity to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

V47 & V1774 offer the opportunity to explore the south end of the mesa. This road also leads to a hiking trail to Juanita Arch. Being able to drive this road offers a shorter hike to the arch where you aren't forced to cross the river. I would like to see these roads remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see the spur roads remain open to all vehicles as well. These spurs offer the traveler a route to get closer to the edge of the mesa and take in the views.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3000	14950	undesigned	O	C	O
	15198	undesigned	O	C	O
	16270	undesigned	O	C	O
	16318	undesigned	O	C	O
	16449	undesigned	O	C	O
	16470	undesigned	O	C	O
	16498	undesigned	O	C	O
	16571	undesigned	O	C	O
	16604	undesigned	O	C	O
	16620	undesigned	O	C	O
	16657	undesigned	O	C	O
	16722	undesigned	O	C	O
	16779	undesigned	O	C	O
	16919	undesigned	O	C	O
	16957	undesigned	O	C	O
	17061	undesigned	O	C	O
	17133	undesigned	O	C	O
	17182	undesigned	O	C	O
	17245	undesigned	O	C	O
	17371	undesigned	O	C	O
	17373	undesigned	O	C	O

**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area

has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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V3034	17912	undesigned	O	C	O
	17941	undesigned	O	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3035	17905	undesigned	O	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

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V3036	16816	undesigned	O	C	O
	17917	undesigned	O	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373)

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V3050	16823	undesigned	O	C	O
	16855	undesigned	O	C	O
	16857	undesigned	O	C	O
	16880	undesigned	O	C	O
	16968	undesigned	O	C	O
	17290	undesigned	O	C	O
	17492	undesigned	O	C	O
	17615	undesigned	O	C	O
	17617	undesigned	O	C	O
	17658	undesigned	O	C	O
	17676	undesigned	O	C	O
	17767	undesigned	O	C	O
	17876	undesigned	O	C	O
	17899	undesigned	O	C	O
	17924	undesigned	O	C	O
	17925	undesigned	O	C	O
	17948	undesigned	O	C	O
	17964	undesigned	O	C	O
	17977	undesigned	O	C	O
	17982	undesigned	O	C	O
	18003	undesigned	O	C	O
	18011	undesigned	O	C	O
	18012	undesigned	O	C	O
	18015	undesigned	O	C	O
	18038	undesigned	O	C	O
	18043	undesigned	O	R	C
	18049	undesigned	O	C	O
	18096	undesigned	O	C	O
	18108	undesigned	R	R	C
	18118	undesigned	R	R	C

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

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Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

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V3055	16361	undesigned	O	R	O
	18045	undesigned	O	R	O
	18058	undesigned	O	R	O
	18101	undesigned	O	R	O
	18129	undesigned	C	R	O
	18130	undesigned	C	R	O
	18138	undesigned	C	R	O
	18142	undesigned	O	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a



feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3057	17665	undesignated	C	R	O

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

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**Submission Code**

emc0668

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3058	17647	undesignated	C	R	O

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

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V3060	17784	undesignated	C	R	O
Commenter	Organization		Submission Code		
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668		

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.



Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3062	20108	undesigned	R	R	C
	20681	undesigned	R	R	C
	20702	undesigned	R	R	C
	20749	undesigned	R	R	C
	20910	undesigned	R	R	C
	20922	undesigned	R	R	C

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Landon Monholland	N/A	emc0922

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

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I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area.

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811.

I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.  
Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Scott Winans	N/A	emc0868

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Janice Shepherd	The Quiet Trails Group	emc0835

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Similarly, we support the Maverick Canyon LWC designation in Alternatives B and C and corresponding travel management decisions; closing the area to motorized and mechanized traffic, save for an interest expressed by some members that V3062 be open to horse, foot and bike.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

**Zone U**

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

**Zone V**

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of



the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience.
- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
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- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is





connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

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V3080	15199	undesigned	O	C	O
	15205	undesigned	O	C	O
	16642	undesigned	O	C	O
	16643	undesigned	O	C	O
	16760	undesigned	O	C	O
	16809	undesigned	O	C	O
	16810	undesigned	O	C	O
	16921	undesigned	O	C	O
	16925	undesigned	O	C	O
	16926	undesigned	O	C	O
	16935	undesigned	O	C	O
	17015	undesigned	O	C	O

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V31	14390	undesigned	O	O	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Thomas Hundtroft		Bookcliff Rattlers		emc0693	

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

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V3105	16665	undesigned	O	C	O
	16946	undesigned	O	C	O
	17131	undesigned	O	C	O
	17136	undesigned	O	C	O
	17147	undesigned	O	C	O
	17149	undesigned	O	C	O
	17164	undesigned	O	C	O
	17165	undesigned	O	C	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	

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	15145	undesigned	O	R	O
	16096	undesigned	O	R	O
	16329	undesigned	O	R	O
	16609	undesigned	O	R	O
	16719	undesigned	O	R	O
	16783	undesigned	O	R	O
	16797	undesigned	O	R	O
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V3113	15166	undesigned	C	R	C
	15600	undesigned	C	R	O
	15658	undesigned	C	R	O
	16059	undesigned	C	R	O
	16109	undesigned	C	R	O
	16222	undesigned	C	R	O
	16330	undesigned	C	R	O
	16339	undesigned	C	R	O

**Commenter**

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Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3122	18414	undesigned	O	O	O
	18418	undesigned	O	O	O
	20933	undesigned	O	O	O
	21045	undesigned	O	O	O
	21056	undesigned	O	O	O
	21072	undesigned	O	O	O
	21078	undesigned	O	O	O
	21225	undesigned	O	O	O
	21233	undesigned	O	O	O
	21249	undesigned	O	O	O
	21252	undesigned	O	O	O

<b>Commenter</b> Jerry Smith	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0773
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:

- The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail basically begins and ends at the 4' x 8' yellow Uranium Warning sign along the 11.5 Mesa County road near the Arrowhead Camp and airstrip. From there it follows the 11.5 County road to a midlevel bench of lower Calamity Mesa overlooking the Blue Creek Ranch property. From there it goes north around a lower elevation of the west side of Calamity Mesa to the north side and then climbs back up to the warning sign to the east.
- This roughly 20-mile loop is an "unequaled gem of wealth" to the 4x4 community. Primitive Roads/Trails of this length and level of difficulty (Class 6+ or 7) are extremely unique and difficult to find in the entire U.S.
- In November of 2008, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club first traveled the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail with extreme difficulty. The route had been closed to all motorized travel for several years (possibly up to 15-years) by numerous events of Mother Nature.
- In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
- Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
- Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.
- The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).
- The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.

2. Experience(s) to be expected:

- Many scenic vistas along this road/trail can literally be overwhelming.
- The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just beyond.
- Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.
- The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.
- The Calamity Mesa Loop is a very primitive road/trail - so primitive, we have named 12- obstacles. These obstacles are very close to "extreme" in difficulty and require great driver



skills and a vehicle with better than stock capability. Everyone who has been over this road has come away with a sore face from smiling all day.

d. There are numerous spur roads to old mine sites along the loop that are full of historical and cultural values.

e. Many of the spur roads also provide further opportunities for challenging driving as the roadways are full of obstacles.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to consider changing the 2013 RMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA.

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Calamity Mesa Loop

11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)

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**Commenter**

Roz McClellan

**Organization**

Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

**Submission Code**

emc0846

**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna"



such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Watershed route densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☐ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas. The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

#### Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

#### Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change

Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.





We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

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V3125	19347	undesigned	R	R	C
	19356	undesigned	R	R	C
	19365	undesigned	R	R	C
	19368	undesigned	R	R	C
	19379	undesigned	R	R	C
	19392	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V3140</b>	12089	undesigned	O	O	O
	13079	undesigned	O	O	O
	13520	undesigned	O	O	O
	13933	undesigned	O	O	O
	13934	undesigned	O	O	O
	14392	undesigned	O	O	O
	14401	undesigned	O	O	O
	14404	undesigned	O	O	O
	14408	undesigned	O	O	O
	14594	undesigned	O	O	O
	14606	undesigned	O	O	O
	14609	undesigned	O	O	O
	14644	undesigned	O	O	O
	14698	undesigned	O	O	O
	14826	undesigned	O	O	O
	14839	undesigned	O	O	O
	14840	undesigned	O	O	O
	14843	undesigned	O	O	O
	14847	undesigned	O	O	O
	14848	undesigned	O	O	O
	14851	undesigned	O	O	O
	14853	undesigned	O	O	O
	14855	undesigned	O	O	O
	14856	undesigned	O	O	O
	14860	undesigned	O	O	O
	14861	undesigned	O	O	O
	14872	undesigned	O	O	O
	14984	undesigned	O	O	O
	14986	undesigned	O	O	O
	14989	undesigned	O	O	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
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V3150	13975	undesigned	M	R	M
	13985	undesigned	M	R	M
	15324	undesigned	R	R	C
	15379	undesigned	M	R	M
	15455	undesigned	M	R	M
	15552	undesigned	M	R	M

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<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary



and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3225	13977	undesigned	O	C	O
	14729	undesigned	O	C	O
	14770	undesigned	O	C	O
	14800	undesigned	O	C	O
	15106	undesigned	O	C	O
	15330	undesigned	O	C	O
	15345	undesigned	O	C	O
	15363	undesigned	O	C	O
	15401	undesigned	O	C	O
	15450	undesigned	O	C	O
	15452	undesigned	O	C	O
	15467	undesigned	M	C	M

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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**Commenter**

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V3248	19764	undesigned	R	R	C
	19768	undesigned	R	R	C
	21794	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

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V325	20380	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
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V3263	18424	undesigned	O1	C	O
	18425	undesigned	O1	C	O
	19761	undesigned	R	R	C
	21792	undesigned	R	R	C
	21854	undesigned	R	R	C
	21858	undesigned	R	R	C
	21859	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21872	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21876	undesigned	R	R	C
	21921	undesigned	R	R	C
	21922	undesigned	R	R	C

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Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0728

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470)

Trail Name: Blue Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):  
The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):  
This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. It's a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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V3266	18428	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	18431	undesigned	O	O	O
	18434	undesigned	O	O	O
	18435	undesigned	O	O	O
	19737	undesigned	O	O	O
	19740	undesigned	O	O	O
	19746	undesigned	O	O	O
	20431	undesigned	O	O	O
	21111	undesigned	O	O	O
	21136	undesigned	O	O	O
	21137	undesigned	O	O	O
	21140	undesigned	O	O	O
	21146	undesigned	O	O	O
	21148	undesigned	O	O	O
	21149	undesigned	O	O	O
	21153	undesigned	O	O	O
	21155	undesigned	O	O	O
	21157	undesigned	O	O	O
	21172	undesigned	O	O	O
	21173	undesigned	O	O	O
	21176	undesigned	O	O	O
	21180	undesigned	O	O	O
	21181	undesigned	O	O	O
	21194	undesigned	O	O	O
	21245	undesigned	O	O	O
	21282	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21311	undesigned	O	O	O
	21316	undesigned	O	O	O
	21358	undesigned	O	O	O
	21365	undesigned	O	O	O
	21423	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21478	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21479	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21481	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21483	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21492	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21493	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21494	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21504	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21505	undesigned	O	O	O
	21512	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21537	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21542	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21642	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21681	undesigned	O1	O1	O
	21700	undesigned	O1	O1	O



21703	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21716	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21717	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21723	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21728	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21740	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21748	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21764	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21770	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21780	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21818	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21819	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21825	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21826	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21835	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21845	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21849	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21857	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21861	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21862	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21866	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21868	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21874	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21880	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21882	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21883	undesignated	O1	O1	O
21904	undesignated	O	O	O
21908	undesignated	O	O	O
21913	undesignated	O	O	O
21917	undesignated	O	O	O

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**Organization**

N/A

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cfc0074

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**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0728

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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):





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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3277	18429	undesigned	O1	C	O
	19771	undesigned	O1	C	O

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V328	19589	undesigned	O	O	O
	19797	undesigned	O	O	O
	19923	undesigned	O	O	O
	19931	undesigned	O	O	O
	19996	undesigned	O	O	O
	20016	undesigned	O	O	O
	20028	undesigned	O	O	O
	20082	undesigned	O	O	O
	20087	undesigned	O	O	O
	20091	undesigned	O	O	O
	20109	undesigned	O	O	O
	20142	undesigned	O	O	O
	20143	undesigned	O	O	O
	20145	undesigned	O	O	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail		
Area V: V328; V668; V792; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989; Some history of the Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail:		
a. In September of 2009, Grand Mesa Jeep Club member Jerry Smith first explored this road/trail. The majority of the road/trail runs on the top of Calamity Mesa and is suitable for most SUVs with some high ground clearance. The only signs of use were some ATV tracks. The lower end of the road/trail drops down a canyon to the 11.5 Rd. (Calamity Mesa Loop). In the canyon, the road/trail crosses a wash several times. In this area, Gambel Oak had completely overgrown the road surface completely closing the route. The oak brush was cut and removed from the road surface and laced to act as erosion control. Once the 11.5 Rd is reached, any stock vehicles would be advised to return the way they came from.		
b. The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail was included in the 2012 and again in the 2013 "Rock Junction" event BLM Special Use Permit.		
c. This Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail has several breath taking vistas including overlooking Flat Top Mesa, Little Maverick Canyon, the top of Sewemup Mesa, the upper La Sal mountain range just to mention a few.		
d. Though the top of Calamity Mesa is not as difficult, once on the Calamity Mesa Loop, the driver must either return the way they came from or be able to negotiate many of the very difficult "Named Obstacles" of the Calamity Mesa Loop.		
e. Because of the ease of access, the top of Calamity Mesa and the road/trail down to the point of entering the canyon would be a highly recommended area for "Quiet Users", mountain biking, equestrians, and other motorized uses. The serenity and the scenery together are simply awesome. Much of the hiking, horse riding, or mountain biking would be easy to moderate on the mesa top making for an excellent experience. We would ask that the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP to include the top of Calamity Mesa in the SRMA for the Calamity Mesa Loop. We would also ask the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP so that in the SRMA, the top of Calamity Mesa be managed with the possibility of single track hiking and/or bicycle trail(s) be established to provide less chance for user conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized user groups.		

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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693
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Calamity Mesa Airstrip V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989, (V792 has great views @ the east end) (V979 goes to good views to the east)		



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<b>V3282</b>	21791	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21801	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21803	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21806	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21808	undesigned	O1	C	O
	21810	undesigned	O1	C	O

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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V3286	19749	undesigned	R	R	C
	19750	undesigned	R	R	C
	19754	undesigned	R	R	C
	19758	undesigned	R	R	C
	19765	undesigned	R	R	C
	19766	undesigned	R	R	C
	21793	undesigned	R	R	C
	21798	undesigned	R	R	C
	21800	undesigned	R	R	C
	21923	undesigned	R	R	C

#### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

#### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

#### Submission Code

emc0731

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459

Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 ½ Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3300	18380	undesigned	O	C	O
	19609	undesigned	O	C	O
	19642	undesigned	O	C	O
	19793	undesigned	O	C	O
	19802	undesigned	O	C	O
	19874	undesigned	C	C	O
	19900	undesigned	C	C	O
	19940	undesigned	C	C	O
	19971	undesigned	C	C	O
	19975	undesigned	C	C	O
	19976	undesigned	C	R	O
	19979	undesigned	C	C	O
	20033	undesigned	O	C	O
	20107	undesigned	O	C	O
	20136	undesigned	O	C	O
	20195	undesigned	O	C	O

#### Commenter

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#### Submission Code

emc0668

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A chance to get away from it all, a feeling of remoteness, and an opportunity to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

V47 & V1774 offer the opportunity to explore the south end of the mesa. This road also leads to a hiking trail to Juanita Arch. Being able to drive this road offers a shorter hike to the arch where you aren't forced to cross the river. I would like to see these roads remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see the spur roads remain open to all vehicles as well. These spurs offer the traveler a route to get closer to the edge of the mesa and take in the views.



Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V3303</b>	19572	undesigned	O	C	O
	19646	undesigned	O	C	O
	19680	undesigned	O	C	O
	19804	undesigned	O	C	O
	19808	undesigned	O	C	O
	19809	undesigned	O	C	O
	19871	undesigned	O	R	O
	19957	undesigned	O	R	O

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<b>V3350</b>	15116	undesigned	R	R	C
	15350	undesigned	R	R	C
	15358	undesigned	R	R	C
	15360	undesigned	R	R	C

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<b>V3373</b>	13932	undesigned	C	R	O
	14311	undesigned	C	R	O
	14656	undesigned	C	R	O
	14749	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V347	15796	undesigned	R	R	R
	15823	undesigned	O	C	O
	15998	undesigned	O	C	O
	16240	undesigned	O	C	O
	16917	undesigned	O	C	O
	17038	undesigned	O	C	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074

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V349	16267	undesigned	R	R	C
Commenter Thomas Hundtroft		Organization Bookcliff Rattlers		Submission Code emc0693	
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V354	15372	undesigned	R	R	C
	15383	undesigned	R	R	C

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V3550	16971	undesigned	O	C	O
	16976	undesigned	O	C	O
	16982	undesigned	O	C	O
	17113	undesigned	C	C	O
	17167	undesigned	C	C	O
	17203	undesigned	O	C	O
	17440	undesigned	O	C	O
	17562	undesigned	O	C	O
	17569	undesigned	O	C	O
	17591	undesigned	O	C	O
	17606	undesigned	O	C	O
	17612	undesigned	O	C	O
	17627	undesigned	O	C	O
	17628	undesigned	O	C	O
	17635	undesigned	O	C	O
	17639	undesigned	O	C	O
	17660	undesigned	O	C	O
	17664	undesigned	O	C	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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<b>V3589</b>	18563	undesigned	O	O	O
	19268	undesigned	O	O	O
	19290	undesigned	O	O	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):



The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V3677	22061	undesigned	H	H	N
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
William Edwards		USDA		rmc0086	
Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)					
Ute Creek Trail (does not appear to have a number) is shown as a foot and horse trail on the Alternative B map. This is acceptable to the Forest Service, and we are willing to reopen a section of a connecting trail on NFS lands that would later join with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 405.2A. We would not support this trail being designated for motorized use, if that were considered.					

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V370	17585	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	
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V374	17573	undesignated	C	R	O
Commenter Dale Znamenacek		Organization Grand Mesa Jeep Club			Submission Code emc0668
Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))					
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V377	17609	undesignated	C	R	O
Commenter Dale Znamenacek		Organization Grand Mesa Jeep Club			Submission Code emc0668



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V379	17630	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V385	17747	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Dale Znamenacek		Grand Mesa Jeep Club		emc0668	

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V387	17776	undesigned	C	R	O



**Commenter**  
Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**  
Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**  
emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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**Route**  
**V400**

Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
15138	undesigned	C	R	O
15490	undesigned	C	R	O

**Commenter**  
Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**  
Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V406	14555	undesigned	C	R	O
	14566	undesigned	C	R	O

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<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft	<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
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**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

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V407	13057	undesigned	C	R	O
	14360	undesigned	C	R	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

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V408	14556	undesigned	C	R	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

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V409	13061	undesigned	C	R	O
	13062	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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V420	20007	undesigned	R	R	C
	20104	undesigned	R	R	C

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V:

These road/trail segments have significant historical values. Many have mining relics and cabins left over from the Uranium/Vanadium mining period.

Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

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☐ V184, (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Creek)

☐ V567, V768, V566, V564 (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Cr and a mine site)

☐ V562, V563,

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☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

Resolution:

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V421	20068	undesigned	R	R	C





**Comment Recommendation:** **O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
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V423	19564	undesigned	O	C	O
	19570	undesigned	O	C	O
	19588	undesigned	O	C	O

**Comment Recommendation:** **O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
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## Route

### V426

#### Segment

19653

19664

#### ALT A

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#### ALT B

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#### ALT C

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#### ALT D

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#### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

#### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

#### Submission Code

emc0631

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.



Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
 I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
 Calamity Mesa Loop  
 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**  
 Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V:  
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Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

They could be used for primitive day-use or camping, exploration of historical sites, and photographic opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

For those without vehicles capable of negotiating some of the primitive roads, the opportunity to hike, horseback, or mountain bike is still available and would make for some excellent experiences for "quiet users".

BLM access to mine adits to monitor bats and the bat doors also makes them useful.  
 ☐ V428, V427, V426, V423, (go to old mining dump truck and Equipment near New Verde Mine)  
 ☐ V420, V421; (goes to a Uranium Mine site)  
 ☐ V143, (Provides a loop through several mine sites)  
 ☐ V184, (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Creek)  
 ☐ V567, V768, V566, V564 (Provides a loop to great views of Calamity Cr and a mine site)  
 ☐ V562, V563,  
 ☐ V138, (goes out to a great vista point not far from Juanita Arch)  
 ☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V427	19554	undesigned	O	C	O
	19563	undesigned	O	C	O



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V428	19536	undesigned	O	C	O
	19540	undesigned	O	C	O

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opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

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V430	17401	undesigned	C	R	O
	17490	undesigned	C	R	O
	17625	undesigned	C	R	O
	17691	undesigned	C	R	O
	18019	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)**

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V432	17349	undesigned	O	O	O
	18584	undesigned	O	O	O
	18864	undesigned	O	O	O
	18929	undesigned	O	O	O
	18968	undesigned	O	O	O
	18973	undesigned	O	O	O
	18987	undesigned	O	O	O
	19015	undesigned	O	O	O
	19033	undesigned	O	O	O
	19354	undesigned	O	O	O
	19370	undesigned	O	O	O
	19397	undesigned	O	O	O
	19431	undesigned	O	O	O
	19537	undesigned	O	O	O
	19667	undesigned	O	O	O
	20056	undesigned	O	O	O
	20085	undesigned	O	O	O
	20148	undesigned	O	O	O

**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Calamity Mesa Loop

11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)

**Commenter**

Roz McClellan

**Organization**

Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

**Submission Code**

emc0846

**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Water



shed routes densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☐ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

#### Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

#### Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change

Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

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#### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

#### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

#### Submission Code

emc0631

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):



The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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**Commenter**

Jerry Smith

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:

- a. The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail basically begins and ends at the 4' x 8' yellow Uranium Warning sign along the 11.5 Mesa County road near the Arrowhead Camp and airstrip. From there it follows the 11.5 County road to a midlevel bench of lower Calamity Mesa overlooking the Blue Creek Ranch property. From there it goes north around a lower elevation of the west side of Calamity Mesa to the north side and then climbs back up to the warning sign to the east.
- b. This roughly 20-mile loop is an "unequaled gem of wealth" to the 4x4 community. Primitive Roads/Trails of this length and level of difficulty (Class 6+ or 7) are extremely unique and difficult to find in the entire U.S.
- c. In November of 2008, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club first traveled the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail with extreme difficulty. The route had been closed to all motorized travel for several years (possibly up to 15-years) by numerous events of Mother Nature.
- d. In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
- e. Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
- f. Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.
- g. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).
- h. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.

2. Experience(s) to be expected:

- a. Many scenic vistas along this road/trail can literally be overwhelming.
- i. The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just





beyond.

- ii. Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.
- b. The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.
- c. The Calamity Mesa Loop is a very primitive road/trail - so primitive, we have named 12- obstacles. These obstacles are very close to "extreme" in difficulty and require great driver skills and a vehicle with better than stock capability. Everyone who has been over this road has come away with a sore face from smiling all day.
- d. There are numerous spur roads to old mine sites along the loop that are full of historical and cultural values.
- e. Many of the spur roads also provide further opportunities for challenging driving as the roadways are full of obstacles.

Resolution:

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V434	18148	undesigned	C	R	O
	18198	undesigned	C	R	O
	18317	undesigned	C	R	O

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V47	20611	undesigned	C	R	O
	20643	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11 3/10 Rd, V47, V1774, V3300, V2385, V3303, V2369, V2907, V2701, V2400

Trail Name: Flat Top Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A true backcountry experience, mildly



challenging, with opportunities to combine activities, such as driving and then parking the vehicle and camping to Juanita Arch.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail is primitive in nature and offers a feeling of remoteness. It's a great area to explore and to take in the scenic views of the Dolores River Valley.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers the opportunity to explore old mining sites and to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking and site-seeing.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A chance to get away from it all, a feeling of remoteness, and an opportunity to combine 4-wheeling adventures with hiking.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

V47 & V1774 offer the opportunity to explore the south end of the mesa. This road also leads to a hiking trail to Juanita Arch. Being able to drive this road offers a shorter hike to the arch where you aren't forced to cross the river. I would like to see these roads remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see the spur roads remain open to all vehicles as well. These spurs offer the traveler a route to get closer to the edge of the mesa and take in the views.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V472	18368	undesigned	O	A	O
	18595	undesigned	O	A	O
	19423	undesigned	O	A	O
	19493	undesigned	O	A	O
	19668	undesigned	O	A	O
	19811	undesigned	O	A	O
	19898	undesigned	O	A	O

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.



Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V475	18360	undesigned	C	R	O
	18369	undesigned	C	R	O
	19388	undesigned	C	R	O
	19400	undesigned	C	R	O
	19405	undesigned	O	A	O
	19425	undesigned	O	A	O
	19437	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

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	20060	undesigned	O	A	O
	20212	undesigned	O	A	O
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V491	19711	undesigned	A	R	O
	20227	undesigned	A	R	O

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#### Segment

20118

20258

#### ALT A

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#### ALT B

A

C

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<b>V494</b>	20042	undesignated	C	R	O

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<b>V495</b>	19530	undesignated	C	R	O
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	19661	undesigned	A	R	O
	19699	undesigned	A	R	O
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Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

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<b>Route</b> <b>V502</b>	<b>Segment</b> 18591	<b>ALT A</b> undesigned	<b>ALT B</b> C	<b>ALT C</b> R	<b>ALT D</b> O
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<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0667
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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):



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V506	18334	undesigned	R	R	C

<b>Commenter</b> William Edwards	<b>Organization</b> USDA	<b>Submission Code</b> rmc0086
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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Route V506: We would like to have route designated as open because it provides access to NFSR 405.4A, which is identified as full-sized high clearance route.

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V507	17338	undesigned	C	R	O
	18928	undesigned	C	C	O
	18943	undesigned	C	C	O
	18949	undesigned	C	C	O
	18961	undesigned	C	C	O
	18976	undesigned	C	R	O
	18988	undesigned	C	C	O
	19003	undesigned	C	C	O

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V509	17334	undesigned	C	C	O
	19131	undesigned	C	R	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V528	20635	undesigned	O	O	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:
  - a. The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail basically begins and ends at the 4' x 8' yellow Uranium Warning sign along the 11.5 Mesa County road near the Arrowhead Camp and airstrip. From there it follows the 11.5 County road to a midlevel bench of lower Calamity Mesa overlooking the Blue Creek Ranch property. From there it goes north around a lower elevation of the west side of Calamity Mesa to the north side and then climbs back up to the warning sign to the east.
  - b. This roughly 20-mile loop is an "unequaled gem of wealth" to the 4x4 community. Primitive Roads/Trails of this length and level of difficulty (Class 6+ or 7) are extremely unique and difficult to find in the entire U.S.
  - c. In November of 2008, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club first traveled the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail with extreme difficulty. The route had been closed to all motorized travel for several years (possibly up to 15-years) by numerous events of Mother Nature.
  - d. In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
  - e. Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
  - f. Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.
  - g. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).
  - h. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.



2. Experience(s) to be expected:

- a. Many scenic vistas along this road/trail can literally be overwhelming.
- i. The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just beyond.
- ii. Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.
- b. The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.
- c. The Calamity Mesa Loop is a very primitive road/trail - so primitive, we have named 12- obstacles. These obstacles are very close to "extreme" in difficulty and require great driver skills and a vehicle with better than stock capability. Everyone who has been over this road has come away with a sore face from smiling all day.
- d. There are numerous spur roads to old mine sites along the loop that are full of historical and cultural values.
- e. Many of the spur roads also provide further opportunities for challenging driving as the roadways are full of obstacles.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to consider changing the 2013 RMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA.

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989		
Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):		
The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.		
Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.		
Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.		
Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.		
Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Calamity Mesa Loop 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)		



**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Water shed routes densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☐ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change





Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

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V551	17347	undesigned	O	O	O
	18567	undesigned	O	O	O
	18805	undesigned	O	O	O
	18838	undesigned	O	O	O
	18880	undesigned	O	O	O
	18920	undesigned	O	O	O
	19058	undesigned	O	O	O
	19112	undesigned	O	O	O
	19146	undesigned	O	O	O
	19154	undesigned	O	O	O
	19162	undesigned	O	O	O
	19232	undesigned	O	O	O
	19239	undesigned	O	O	O
	19247	undesigned	O	O	O
	19274	undesigned	O	O	O
	19316	undesigned	O	O	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

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V562	20630	undesigned	C	R	O
	20664	undesigned	C	R	O

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Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

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	20531	undesigned	C	R	O
	20685	undesigned	C	R	O
	20710	undesigned	C	R	O
	20720	undesigned	C	R	O
	20722	undesigned	C	R	O
	20743	undesigned	C	R	O
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Jerry Smith	N/A		emc0773		

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V564	20763	undesigned	C	R	O
	20782	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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	20677	undesigned	C	R	O
	20760	undesigned	C	R	O
	20766	undesigned	C	R	O
	20770	undesigned	C	R	O

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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

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	20354	undesigned	C	C	O
	20363	undesigned	C	C	O
	20369	undesigned	C	C	O

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)**

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<b>Commenter</b> Kris Cox	<b>Organization</b> COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0788
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

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Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

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	20542	undesigned	O	O	O
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- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)****Zone V**

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bike users have been maintaining and using this trail for at least 2 decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.

Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by the trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominately motorized area.





Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing ountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominately motorized area.

<b>Route</b> <b>V596</b>	<b>Segment</b> 20484	<b>ALT A</b> undesignated	<b>ALT B</b> A	<b>ALT C</b> R	<b>ALT D</b> O
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<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek	<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0667
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V600	19733	undesigned	A	R	O
	20473	undesigned	A	R	O
	20475	undesigned	A	R	O
	20798	undesigned	O	A	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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V602	20365	undesigned	A	R	O
	20403	undesigned	C	R	O
	20735	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

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V615	20537	undesigned	R	R	C
	20955	undesigned	R	R	C
	20956	undesigned	R	R	C



**Commenter**  
Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**  
Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**  
emc0693

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V621	18408	undesigned	O	A	O
	18421	undesigned	O	A	O
	18422	undesigned	O	A	O
	20402	undesigned	C	R	O
	20419	undesigned	O	A	O
	20535	undesigned	C	R	O
	20539	undesigned	O	A	O
	20775	undesigned	C	R	O
	20794	undesigned	C	R	O
	20795	undesigned	C	R	O
	20797	undesigned	C	R	O
	20877	undesigned	O	A	O
	20931	undesigned	O	A	O
	20988	undesigned	O	A	O
	20997	undesigned	O	A	O
	21020	undesigned	O	A	O
	21043	undesigned	O	A	O
	21062	undesigned	O	A	O
	21064	undesigned	O	A	O

**Commenter**  
Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**  
Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**  
emc0667

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<b>V622</b>	20695	<b>undesignated</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>O</b>

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V645	19294	undesigned	R	R	C
	19317	undesigned	R	R	C
	19318	undesigned	R	R	C

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Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

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V649	19277	undesigned	C	R	O
	19287	undesigned	C	R	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Brandon Siegfried	N/A	cfc0074



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.  
Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V668	18423	undesigned	O	O	O
	20111	undesigned	O	O	O
	20256	undesigned	O	O	O
	21007	undesigned	O	O	O
	21036	undesigned	O	O	O

**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

**Commenter**

Thomas Hundtroft

**Organization**

Bookcliff Rattlers

**Submission Code**

emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Calamity Mesa Airstrip  
V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989, (V792 has great views @ the east end)  
(V979 goes to good views to the east)

**Commenter**

Jerry Smith

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail

Area V: V328; V668; V792; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989;



Some history of the Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail:

- a. In September of 2009, Grand Mesa Jeep Club member Jerry Smith first explored this road/trail. The majority of the road/trail runs on the top of Calamity Mesa and is suitable for most SUVs with some high ground clearance. The only signs of use were some ATV tracks. The lower end of the road/trail drops down a canyon to the 11.5 Rd. (Calamity Mesa Loop). In the canyon, the road/trail crosses a wash several times. In this area, Gambel Oak had completely overgrown the road surface completely closing the route. The oak brush was cut and removed from the road surface and laced to act as erosion control. Once the 11.5 Rd is reached, any stock vehicles would be advised to return the way they came from.
- b. The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail was included in the 2012 and again in the 2013 "Rock Junction" event BLM Special Use Permit.
- c. This Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail has several breath taking vistas including overlooking Flat Top Mesa, Little Maverick Canyon, the top of Sewemup Mesa, the upper La Sal mountain range just to mention a few.
- d. Though the top of Calamity Mesa is not as difficult, once on the Calamity Mesa Loop, the driver must either return the way they came from or be able to negotiate many of the very difficult "Named Obstacles" of the Calamity Mesa Loop.
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V681	17316	undesigned	R	R	C
	17318	undesigned	R	R	C
	18797	undesigned	R	R	C
	18849	undesigned	R	R	C
	18890	undesigned	R	R	C

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V700	18564	undesigned	O	O	O
	18574	undesigned	O	O	O
	19085	undesigned	O	O	O
	19118	undesigned	O	O	O
	19167	undesigned	O	O	O
	19257	undesigned	O	O	O
	19295	undesigned	O	O	O
	19297	undesigned	O	O	O

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

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Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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V742	18467	undesigned	R	R	C
	18528	undesigned	R	R	C
	18536	undesigned	R	R	C

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V767	17659	undesigned	A	R	O
	17694	undesigned	A	R	O
	17697	undesigned	A	R	O
	17699	undesigned	C	R	O

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V768	20522	undesigned	C	R	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Additions to: The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V:

These road/trail segments have significant historical values. Many have mining relics and cabins left over from the Uranium/Vanadium mining period.

Several of these road/trail(s) also provide challenging sections to the driver's skills and vehicle capabilities.

They could be used for primitive day-use or camping, exploration of historical sites, and photographic opportunities of cultural and national heritage values.

For those without vehicles capable of negotiating some of the primitive roads, the opportunity to hike, horseback, or mountain bike is still available and would make for some excellent experiences for "quiet users".

BLM access to mine adits to monitor bats and the bat doors also makes them useful.

☐ V428, V427, V426, V423, (go to old mining dump truck and Equipment near New Verde Mine)

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☐ What I believe is V551, (a road that cuts across the southern end of the Arrowhead Airstrip headed westerly and north and loops around headed south to what is marked as V551) - {this part is not shown as open, closed, or administrative on Google Earth} V551, V770, V138; This is a fun loop. Mines, cabins, and a difficult hill climb on the south end make this a good loop road for an afternoon or half-day trip. The cabins provide great opportunities for photography, historical exploration, and a look into the past and how the miners lived.

Resolution:

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V770	17854	undesigned	O	O	O
	17860	undesigned	O	O	O
	18996	undesigned	O	O	O
	19079	undesigned	O	O	O
	19163	undesigned	O	O	O
	19267	undesigned	O	O	O
	19293	undesigned	O	O	O
	19315	undesigned	O	O	O
	19403	undesigned	O	O	O
	19467	undesigned	O	O	O
	19687	undesigned	O	O	O
	19814	undesigned	O	O	O
	19850	undesigned	O	O	O
	19924	undesigned	O	O	O
	20022	undesigned	O	O	O
	20101	undesigned	O	O	O
	20181	undesigned	O	O	O
	20324	undesigned	O	O	O
	20343	undesigned	O	O	O
	20347	undesigned	O	O	O
	20367	undesigned	O	O	O
	20384	undesigned	O	O	O

**Commenter**

Jerry Smith

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

emc0773

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**Route**

**V772**

**Segment**

20358

20382

**ALT A**

**undesigned**

**undesigned**

**ALT B**

**R**

**A**

**ALT C**

**R**

**R**

**ALT D**

**C**

**O**

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0667



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

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V775	20364	undesigned	A	R	O
	20488	undesigned	C	R	O

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V791	20949	undesigned	O	O	O
	21057	undesigned	O	O	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
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Calamity Mesa Airstrip		
V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989, (V792 has great views @ the east end)		
(V979 goes to good views to the east)		

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail		

Area V: V328; V668; V792; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989;  
Some history of the Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail:

a. In September of 2009, Grand Mesa Jeep Club member Jerry Smith first explored this road/trail. The majority of the road/trail runs on the top of Calamity Mesa and is suitable for most SUVs with some high ground clearance. The only signs of use were some ATV tracks. The lower end of the road/trail drops down a canyon to the 11.5 Rd. (Calamity Mesa Loop). In the canyon, the road/trail crosses a wash several times. In this area, Gambel Oak had completely overgrown the road surface completely closing the route. The oak brush was cut and removed from the road surface and laced to act as erosion control. Once the 11.5 Rd is reached, any stock vehicles would be advised to return the way they came from.

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c. This Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail has several breath taking vistas including overlooking Flat Top Mesa, Little Maverick Canyon, the top of Sewemup Mesa, the upper La Sal mountain range just to mention a few.

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e. Because of the ease of access, the top of Calamity Mesa and the road/trail down to the point of entering the canyon would be a highly recommended area for "Quiet Users", mountain biking, equestrians, and other motorized uses. The serenity and the scenery together are simply awesome. Much of the hiking, horse riding, or mountain biking would be easy to moderate on the mesa top making for an excellent experience. We would ask that the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP to include the top of Calamity Mesa in the SRMA for the Calamity Mesa Loop. We would also ask the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP so that in the SRMA, the top of Calamity Mesa be managed with the possibility of single track hiking and/or bicycle trail(s) be established to provide less chance for user conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized user groups.





Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V792	21041	undesigned	R	R	C
<b>Commenter</b> Thomas Hundtroft		<b>Organization</b> Bookcliff Rattlers			<b>Submission Code</b> emc0693
<b>Comment Recommendation:</b> <b>O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Calamity Mesa Airstrip V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989, (V792 has great views @ the east end) (V979 goes to good views to the east)					
<b>Commenter</b> Jerry Smith		<b>Organization</b> N/A			<b>Submission Code</b> emc0773
<b>Comment Recommendation:</b> <b>O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail  Area V: V328; V668; V792; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989; Some history of the Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail:  a. In September of 2009, Grand Mesa Jeep Club member Jerry Smith first explored this road/trail. The majority of the road/trail runs on the top of Calamity Mesa and is suitable for most SUVs with some high ground clearance. The only signs of use were some ATV tracks. The lower end of the road/trail drops down a canyon to the 11.5 Rd. (Calamity Mesa Loop). In the canyon, the road/trail crosses a wash several times. In this area, Gambel Oak had completely overgrown the road surface completely closing the route. The oak brush was cut and removed from the road surface and laced to act as erosion control. Once the 11.5 Rd is reached, any stock vehicles would be advised to return the way they came from.  b. The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail was included in the 2012 and again in the 2013 "Rock Junction" event BLM Special Use Permit.  c. This Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail has several breath taking vistas including overlooking Flat Top Mesa, Little Maverick Canyon, the top of Sewemup Mesa, the upper La Sal mountain range just to mention a few.  d. Though the top of Calamity Mesa is not as difficult, once on the Calamity Mesa Loop, the driver must either return the way they came from or be able to negotiate many of the very difficult "Named Obstacles" of the Calamity Mesa Loop.  e. Because of the ease of access, the top of Calamity Mesa and the road/trail down to the point of entering the canyon would be a highly recommended area for "Quiet Users", mountain biking, equestrians, and other motorized uses. The serenity and the scenery together are simply awesome. Much of the hiking, horse riding, or mountain biking would be easy to moderate on the mesa top making for an excellent experience. We would ask that the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP to include the top of Calamity Mesa in the SRMA for the Calamity Mesa Loop. We would also ask the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP so that in the SRMA, the top of Calamity Mesa be managed with the possibility of single track hiking and/or bicycle trail(s) be established to provide less chance for user conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized user groups.					
<b>Commenter</b> Dale Znamenacek		<b>Organization</b> Grand Mesa Jeep Club			<b>Submission Code</b> emc0631
<b>Comment Recommendation:</b> <b>O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989  Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):					



The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V795	20934	undesigned	O	A	O

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

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**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):

This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail



gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V803	20551	undesigned	H	R	N
<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans		<b>Organization</b> N/A		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868	
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b> Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.					
<b>Commenter</b> Landon Monholland		<b>Organization</b> N/A		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0922	
<b>Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)</b> I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the “all downhill” return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family					



ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
William Edwards	USDA	rmc0086
<b>Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)</b>		
Route V803: There is currently no trail on NFS lands to connect to the trail on public lands. NFSR 407.2A ends approximately one-half to three-quarters of a mile from the forest boundary. We would be agreeable to constructing a connecting trails and closing/signing the end of the road. Forest Service prescriptions for that area do not allow for motorized use.		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Janice Shepherd	The Quiet Trails Group	emc0835
<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b>		
Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912





### **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

#### **Zone U**

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### **Zone V**

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting



to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience.
- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Soren Jespersen

**Organization**

The Wilderness Society

**Submission Code**

emc0917

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly 'Closed' Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a 'Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized)' Travel Area Designation.

Route Specific Travel Designations:

We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions:

- V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for 'Foot & Horse' travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information.

O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trail's historic relevance.

□ V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for 'Foot, Horse and Bike'. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for 'Horse and Foot' as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788



**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

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**Route****V813****Segment**

20558

21039

**ALT A****undesignated****undesignated****ALT B****C****C****ALT C****R****R****ALT D****N****N****Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0728

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470)

Trail Name: Blue Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route.



Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):  
This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. It's a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
Keep these roads open to all motorized users.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V822	20432	undesigned	A	N	O
	20437	undesigned	A	N	O
	20439	undesigned	A	N	O
	21141	undesigned	A	N	O
	21150	undesigned	A	N	O
	21171	undesigned	A	N	O
	21177	undesigned	A	N	O
	21191	undesigned	A	N	O
	21209	undesigned	A	N	O
	21213	undesigned	A	N	O
	21276	undesigned	A	N	O
	21279	undesigned	R	R	A
	21281	undesigned	A	N	O
	21288	undesigned	R	R	A
	21326	undesigned	A	N	O
	21337	undesigned	A	N	O
	21344	undesigned	A	N	O
	21353	undesigned	A	N	O
	21411	undesigned	R	R	A
	21412	undesigned	R	R	A

<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans	<b>Organization</b> N/A	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

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<b>Commenter</b> Kris Cox	<b>Organization</b> COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0788
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**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

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Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the “all downhill” return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon’s resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

Zone U

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.



- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

#### Zone V

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
  - FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
  - Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.
  - Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
  - Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to the highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
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  - Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized use. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
  - Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
  - Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
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  - Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
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- #### Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to



the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.

- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

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**Commenter**

Landon Monholland

**Organization**

N/A

**Submission Code**

emc0922

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V831	19738	undesigned	O	A	O
	21201	undesigned	O	A	O
	21234	undesigned	O	A	O
	21243	undesigned	O	A	O
	21250	undesigned	O	A	O
	21295	undesigned	O	A	O
	21312	undesigned	O	A	O
	21324	undesigned	O	A	O

**Commenter**  
Brandon Siegfried

**Organization**  
N/A

**Submission Code**  
cfc0074

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use.

Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V86	20418	undesigned	O	O	O
	20463	undesigned	O	O	O
	20841	undesigned	O	O	O

**Commenter**  
Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**  
Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**  
emc0667





**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

**Commenter**

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**V88**

**Segment**

19539

19881

19897

**ALT A**

undesigned

undesigned

undesigned

**ALT B**

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C

**ALT C**

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**ALT D**

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V881	17986	undesigned	O	C	O
	18005	undesigned	O	C	O
	18034	undesigned	O	C	O

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0668

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377,



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Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):  
I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):  
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>V882</b>	17927	undesigned	O	R	O
	17940	undesigned	O	R	O
	17976	undesigned	O	C	O

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V904	18017	undesigned	O	C	O
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V920	21351	undesigned	C	R	O
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Thomas Hundtroft		Bookcliff Rattlers		emc0693	
Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)					
Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while					





visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V921	21242	undesigned	O	O	O
	21352	undesigned	O	O	O
	21377	undesigned	O	O	O

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Roz McClellan	Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative	emc0846

#### Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Water shed routes densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☐ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☐ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☐ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☐ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☐ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☐ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☐ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up



It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas. The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.

#### Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

#### Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change

Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

#### Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs. The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

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#### Commenter

Thomas Hundtroft

#### Organization

Bookcliff Rattlers

#### Submission Code

emc0693

#### Comment Recommendation: A (Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide)

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#### Commenter

Jerry Smith

#### Organization

N/A

#### Submission Code

emc0773



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:

- a. The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail basically begins and ends at the 4' x 8' yellow Uranium Warning sign along the 11.5 Mesa County road near the Arrowhead Camp and airstrip. From there it follows the 11.5 County road to a midlevel bench of lower Calamity Mesa overlooking the Blue Creek Ranch property. From there it goes north around a lower elevation of the west side of Calamity Mesa to the north side and then climbs back up to the warning sign to the east.
- b. This roughly 20-mile loop is an "unequaled gem of wealth" to the 4x4 community. Primitive Roads/Trails of this length and level of difficulty (Class 6+ or 7) are extremely unique and difficult to find in the entire U.S.
- c. In November of 2008, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club first traveled the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail with extreme difficulty. The route had been closed to all motorized travel for several years (possibly up to 15-years) by numerous events of Mother Nature.
- d. In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
- e. Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
- f. Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.
- g. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).
- h. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.

2. Experience(s) to be expected:

- a. Many scenic vistas along this road/trail can literally be overwhelming.
- i. The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just beyond.
- ii. Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.
- b. The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.
- c. The Calamity Mesa Loop is a very primitive road/trail - so primitive, we have named 12- obstacles. These obstacles are very close to "extreme" in difficulty and require great driver skills and a vehicle with better than stock capability. Everyone who has been over this road has come away with a sore face from smiling all day.
- d. There are numerous spur roads to old mine sites along the loop that are full of historical and cultural values.
- e. Many of the spur roads also provide further opportunities for challenging driving as the roadways are full of obstacles.

Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to consider changing the 2013 RMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA.

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**Commenter**

Dale Znamenacek

**Organization**

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Submission Code**

emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989



Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):

The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):

I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Club's Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):

This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):

I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

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<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Thomas Hundtroft	Bookcliff Rattlers	emc0693

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Calamity Mesa Loop

11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V922	20935	undesigned	O	A	O
	21004	undesigned	O	A	O
	21095	undesigned	O	A	O
	21099	undesigned	O	A	O
	21112	undesigned	O	A	O
	21182	undesigned	O	A	O
	21186	undesigned	O	A	O
	21190	undesigned	O	A	O

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<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Scott Winans	N/A	emc0868

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.

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<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Submission Code</b>
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0667

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475





Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within ( ) are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV.

Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husband's ATV in my UTV.

Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width.

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that don't go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

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**Commenter**

Jason Bertolacci

**Organization**

International Mountain Bicycling Association

**Submission Code**

emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyon's resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users.

The comments below reflect a need for non--motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations.

**Zone U**

- Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non--motorized use.
- Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

**Zone V**

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards.
- FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by



this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area.

- Recommend non--motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V803 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non--motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.
- Recommend non--motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non--motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.
- Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance.
- Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non--motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience.
- Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest.
- Recommend non--motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp.
- Recommend non--motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience.
- We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non--motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W
- Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non--motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non--motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user.
- The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103.
- Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non--motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.



**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

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**Commenter**

Kris Cox

**Organization**

COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

**Submission Code**

emc0788

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Zone V

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
V923	21117	undesigned	R	R	C
<b>Commenter</b> Scott Winans		<b>Organization</b> N/A		<b>Submission Code</b> emc0868	

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

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<b>Commenter</b> Jason Bertolacci	<b>Organization</b> International Mountain Bicycling Association	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0912
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**Submission Code**

emc0788

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21108	undesigned	A	R	O
21120	undesigned	A	R	O
21185	undesigned	A	R	O

### Commenter

Dale Znamenacek

### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

### Submission Code

emc0667

### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475

Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):  
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	21076	undesigned	H	R	N

Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Jason Bertolacci	International Mountain Bicycling Association	emc0912

**Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**  
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**Organization**

The Wilderness Society

**Submission Code**

emc0917

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These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly 'Closed' Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a 'Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized)' Travel Area Designation.

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Janice Shepherd	The Quiet Trails Group	emc0835
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We would like to see V930, east of the LWC, open to mechanized, horse and foot travel and would suggest developing it as a loop trail.		
Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
William Edwards	USDA	rmc0086
<b>Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)</b>		
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#### Commenter

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#### Organization

The Quiet Trails Group

#### Submission Code

emc0835

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.

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	20655	undesigned	O	O	O
	20663	undesigned	O	O	O
	20721	undesigned	O	O	O
	20769	undesigned	O	O	O
	20916	undesigned	O	O	O
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	20978	undesigned	O	O	O
	20990	undesigned	O	O	O
	21010	undesigned	O	O	O

#### Commenter

Jerry Smith

#### Organization

N/A

#### Submission Code

emc0773

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

The Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail

Area V; 11.5 Rd; V921; V3122; V976; V528; V138; V432

1. Some history of the Calamity Mesa and trails/roads used by the public:

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- In the spring of 2009, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Western Slope 4-wheelers of Montrose worked for two days to make the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail open to use as a very "primitive" class 7 or 7+ road/trail.
- Every year since, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club has reopened the trail after the spring run-off.
- Normally, every two years requires several hours of brush trimming to keep the Gambel Oak and Mountain





Ash from encroaching into the road. Every year there are new rocks and trees to remove from the road to keep it passible. Often, one or more washes require work to keep them open and safely passable.

g. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, for their annual "Rock Junction" event has retained special event permits for the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail and it is presently under consideration for the same again this year (2013).

h. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is also currently considering the Calamity Mesa Loop Road/Trail for "Adopt-a-Trail" status.

2. Experience(s) to be expected:

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i. The Blue Creek gorge and its confluence with the Delores River by itself is spectacular. Adding the view of Sewemup Mesa WSA as a backdrop enhances this view and the very tops of the La Sal Mountains are visible just beyond.

ii. Looking up Salt Creek canyon from the elevated Calamity Mesa Loop road/trail is another awe-inspiring vista.

b. The history of Calamity Mesa is primarily of the Uranium/Vanadium age. The Calamity Camp rebuilding is a clear look back on some of that history.

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Resolution:

1. We of the "Jeeping community" would ask the BLM to consider changing the 2013 RMP to manage the Calamity Mesa Loop as an "Open" "Primitive" road/trail, allowing 4-wheel drive, ATV, and Motorcycle uses to be the "Primary" recreational uses under the designation of SRMA.

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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631

**Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))**

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989

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<b>Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))</b> Calamity Mesa Loop 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, (V426 has old mine truck)		

<b>Commenter</b> Roz McClellan	<b>Organization</b> Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative	<b>Submission Code</b> emc0846
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**Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

RMRI supports all Alternative B route closures in Zone V

Alternative B represents a good balance between recreation access and maintaining wildlife values. No new motorized routes, loops, etc should be added on the mesas, as even Alternative B route densities are still too high. Recommend closing, among others, V 921, V3122, V976, V528 V138, V 432.

Reasons for carrying forward Zone V Alt B route closures

Zone V has a great diversity of wildlife, from bats, dusky grouse and wild turkey to wide ranging "mega-fauna" such as mountain lions, bear, deer and elk.

The smaller trail system shown on the Alt B TMP map will do a good job of safeguarding this wildlife concentration area while maintaining an outstanding motorized experience on the mesa tops. The manageability of a smaller system will be especially important if motorized use levels grow in the next decade, in response to promotion of the new system by entities such county and state tourism outlets, by the State OHV Program and by the Gateway Canyons resort.

Alt B provides a well thought-out system of OHV opportunities using a limited number of main arteries while eliminating the multiple branching routes that fragment this popular big game hunting unit (HU 61). We commend the BLM for not locating trails on the mesa benches for ecological and manageability reasons. Among other things cliffs are epicenters for biodiversity including raptor nests.

The Alt B route closures are in accord with many of our scoping recommendations to eliminate duplicative routes and reduce route densities on these heavily fragmented mesas. Zone V has the highest route densities of any zone in the Field Office, 4 - 5 miles per square mile. And within Zone V, the HUC 6 Calamity Creek Water shed routes densities are as high as 5 - 8 miles per square mile, as high as any watershed in the state.

Other reasons to adopt Zone V Alt B route closures in the Proposed Action:

- ☑ To reduce OHV wildlife impacts and conflicts in the fall hunting and spring greening up seasons
- ☑ To mitigate wildlife displacement caused by human disturbance higher on the Plateau down to the mesas. The mesa tops act as spillover area
- ☑ To have a smaller route base in the event uranium mining starts adding new difficult-to-close roads; a smaller system gives a greater possibility new uranium routes can be restored.
- ☑ The Alt B route system, once designated, will move the Mesa Tops a giant step closer to manageability. A smaller designate system will encourage long range goal of a new culture of compliance to develop, and willingness to stay on designated trails.
- ☑ It closes some routes that were naturally revegetating
- ☑ It better protects bat colonies in abandoned mining shafts from curiosity seekers
- ☑ It maintains the mesa tops as the refuge they currently are for wildlife being pushed off Forest Service land higher up
- ☑ It improves hunter success by keeping game accessible

We support route closures in Outlaw and Calamity Mesas sagebrush deer forage areas The closure of redundant routes in Alt B is particularly important in the sagebrush habitat on Outlaw and Calamity Mesas, which is critical winter forage for mule deer. We are pleased Alternative B closes so many of the inventoried and user created routes on Outlaw Mesa. The VIR County road at the north end should be open only for the duration of hunting season for hunter access, but should have a winter closure.



## Blue Mesa

Alt B goes a long way in reducing human disturbance on this deer winter concentration area and the RMP should formalize in the Proposed Action a long term goal of minimizing human impacts, including shed antlering and other uses, in this critical deer area.

## Extend Winter Closures, in part to accommodate Climate Change

Blue Mesa - The Alternative B winter closure on Blue Mesa is essential to reduce disturbance to wintering deer. We suggest winter closures for the other mesas as well, Tenderfoot Mesa, Outlaw Mesa, Calamity Mesa, due to their value as big game winter range, to protect them from potential winter OHV use. Such winter closures could become important if climate change reduces snow cover and invites more winter OHV use.

## Recommend Spring Closure on Shed Antlering

Bull Hill, Pine Mountain, Tenderfoot Mesa and Maverick are increasingly impacted by shed antlering which disrupts movement and feeding patterns of big game during the spring, when the animals need to put on weight after winter. RMRI suggested the BLM take action on this in our scoping comments; we are disappointed not to see shed antlering restrictions in the RMP.

We recommend the proposed action institute a February and March closure on shed antlering on the mesas, to set a standard for CPW to then follow. In shed-antlering ATVs go in lines cross country leaving no square foot of soil undisturbed. This is a severe impact that must be addressed.

No group events for mountain bikes or OHVs The east Dolores Mesas are too remote for the high management and enforcement challenges of SRP group events or trail races. Publicized group events will attract new levels of unmanageable use and should be specifically disallowed on the mesas in the proposed action.

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### Segment

### ALT A

### ALT B

### ALT C

### ALT D

**V979**

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Dale Znamenacek

### Organization

Grand Mesa Jeep Club

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emc0631

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Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773
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V982	21121	undesigned	R	R	C
	21122	undesigned	O	O	O

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Dale Znamenacek	Grand Mesa Jeep Club	emc0631

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Jerry Smith	N/A	emc0773

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V985	21088	undesigned	O	O	O
	21206	undesigned	O	O	O
	21230	undesigned	O	O	O
	21236	undesigned	O	O	O

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V989	21114	undesigned	O	O	O
	21119	undesigned	O	O	O

**Commenter**  
Jerry Smith

**Organization**  
N/A

**Submission Code**  
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